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Whatever your personal preference may have been for the various candidates for the state republican ticket no republican can find good reason for not supporting the ticket nominated at Burlington last week with good grace and loyal devotion.

The outcome of the Chicago convention, as regarded by many republicans who are not Roosevelt followers and will not go to a third party, is well expressed in an editorial reprinted in this issue from the Randolph Herald and News, headed "Disappointing."

In recognizing Frank L. Greene and Frank E. Howe, two of Vermont's newspaper men, the Green Mountain state has given preference to two as able and loyal Vermonters as can be found. Both men, keeping level heads, will make a record for themselves that the people will recognize in the future.

The Boston Herald, one of the best, if not the best \$3 daily published in New England, has purchased the Boston Traveler and will consolidate the Traveler with the evening edition of the Herald. If the same vigor is put into the Boston Traveler and Evening Herald as that put into the morning Herald for the past two years this will be a difficult combination of one cent papers to beat.

A pleasing thing noted by the Monitor in following the high school commencements is the large number of boys graduating as compared with the number of girls. In a number of instances the young men graduates have exceeded the young ladies. This is a good sign. Another thing noted is the number who plan to attend college. A striking example of these points is shown in the graduating class of Barton academy. Eight of the ten graduates were boys and it is understood six of the eight will enter college.

The Monitor is in receipt of a copy of "The Union Signal," the official organ of the National W. C. T. U., in which appears a picture of Mrs. Annette W. Parmelee, Vermont's woman's suffrage champion. In an article in this issue written by her she says certain Vermont editors persist that the women "don't want the ballot." This information is marked, probably for our special benefit. The Monitor does not pretend to know that the women don't want the ballot, but certainly believes they ought to have it if they do. In almost eight years however the editor has never received a communication from a woman who expressed her desire for the ballot,—excepting Annette.

Only one ruffle occurred Monday at the county republican convention at Barton to break the love feast that otherwise prevailed. This fight came over the state's attorney contest, and the candidate who carried Newport, the home town of the two contestants, lost. Two years ago Newport had two candidates each for two different county offices and in both cases the candidate who carried Newport lost in the convention. It would seem that an aspirant for office living in Newport must lose his own town in order to be recognized as qualified for county office. It is quite apparent that Newport's office-seeking in the past has reacted and the county will take the matter of selecting its officers into its own hands, regardless of what Newport says.

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY.

John L. Lewis.

The election of Hon. John L. Lewis of North Troy as the successor of Hon. James Brock, on the National Republican Committee, who declined to serve longer, is a good one. Mr. Lewis is one of the most astute politicians in the state. He is a man who commands the respect and esteem of all parties and has the ability, the time and the means to devote to this important position. He was one of the three men who were complemented by a unanimous election as delegate to Chicago. — Morrisville Messenger.

Knockers.

Look up any dead town and nine times out of ten you will find it is largely a community of "knockers." Now, knocking signifies to injure or destroy, and doesn't it stand to reason that where two-thirds of the population of a place are engaged in this delectable occupation that they just naturally are not doing a thing to the prosperity of that town. It is claimed that knocking never starts until after a town begins to go bad, but supposing this is true, when a barrel begins to leak we do not proceed to stave it in or sit around

and holler because our profit is running away but we get busy and plug the leak.

Just so with the small town, the effect of knocking is destructive; on the other hand a patriotic faith in a place has exactly the opposite effect, its influence is creative and in a thousand ways it helps to build a place up. It sinks all petty differences and promotes united action for the common good. — National Hardware Bulletin.

Disappointing.

The outcome at Chicago can hardly be regarded as satisfactory by anybody, unless it be the Democrats. Taft won the nomination, but it came only as the result of "steam roller" methods that are repugnant to many who hoped for his success—or at least for the decisive defeat of his leading opponent—without them. Roosevelt held his supporters well in hand and Taft's lead, on the final ballot, was but a narrow 21 out of a total of 1,078 delegates. Roosevelt promises to head a new party, using as his leading argument the claim that he was cheated out of the nomination. It will probably absorb the Republican party in certain states where Taft is very weak, and will be a pronounced factor in the coming campaign. With the Republican party badly split as now appears, success in November would seem beyond hope, unless the Democrats, too, divide, which is improbable though not impossible.

The renomination of Sherman for vice-president was a tactical blunder, when some good Westerner of reasonable progressive tendencies, like Hadley of Missouri, might have been secured.

The platform is an echo of the Rochester platform framed by Boss Barnes, is reactionary and hardly up to the pressing needs of the hour.

One thing stands out clearly. Before another presidential canvass there must be some federal regulation of the nominating system, leading up to the choice of presidential candidate. This year's showing has been a blot and a disgrace. When the naming of a candidate is virtually left with a committee divided most keenly on a factional basis we can expect nothing else than what has transpired at Chicago—might will triumph and the defeated faction will not abide a judgment which it feels that might alone dictated. — Randolph Herald and News.

STATE NEWS.

Batchelder Bolts to Democrats.

Wallace N. Batchelder of Bethel, one of Roosevelt's strongest supporters in the recent campaign in Vermont and a leading "Progressive" has publicly stated that he could not support A.M. Fletcher for governor and would therefore support H. B. Howe of St. Johnsbury, the democratic candidate.

Hedgehogs Are Expensive.

State Auditor H. F. Graham is at his office in the state house for a few days. The work of footing up the amounts expended for hedgehog bounties is in progress, and shows the drain on the state treasury for this purpose is large. The town of Underhill has received \$3,550.80, the highest amount, with Waterbury second with \$3,523.20, Roxbury \$160.50 and Fayston \$140.40. The total for the state at 30 cents a hedgehog will run to \$9,000 or more for the year ending June 15, 1912.

In State and District.

At the state republican convention held at Montpelier Thursday, the following ticket was placed in nomination:

For governor, Allen M. Fletcher of Cavendish.

For lieutenant-governor, Frank E. Howe of Bennington.

For state auditor, Horace F. Graham of Craftsbury.

For treasurer, Edward H. Deavitt of Montpelier.

For secretary of state, Guy W. Bailey of Essex Junction.

For attorney-general, Rufus E. Brown of Burlington.

Fletcher had 440 and DeBoer 150 of the 590 in the convention. Three ballots were necessary to nominate the lieutenant-governor. In the first ballot, Howe had 263, Powell 138 and Barnes 165. On the second ballot, Howe had 281, Barnes 228, Powell, 2. On the third ballot, Howe received 301, Barnes 248 and Powell 3 votes and Howe was declared the nominee.

Brown had 273 votes to Archibald's 179 for attorney general. F. C. Williams of Newport was again named a member of the state committee from this county.

In the first district convention held at Burlington on Wednesday of last week, Frank L. Greene of St. Albans was nominated for Congress to take the place of the late D. J. Foster.

The vote was 177, Austin 66, Farnsworth 57. Upon his return from Burlington to St. Albans, Greene was given a great ovation.

In the second district convention held at White River Junction Wednesday of last week, Frank Plumley was renominated without opposition, the names of E. W. Gibson of Brattleboro and F. D. Thompson of Barton were not placed in nomination. L. P. Jenne of Derby was made secretary of the second district convention and W. A. Dutton of Hardwick was made chairman. The member of the district committee from this county is Col. C. E. Nelson of Derby Line.

Simple Test.

An infallible test of tinned fruit or vegetables of any kind is to open the tin and plunge into the contents a bright steel knife. Keep it there for a few minutes and if copper is present, even in the minutest proportions, it will be visibly deposited on the blade.

Cucumbers Classified.

A New York magistrate has ruled that cucumbers are fruit and may be sold on Sunday like green apples. They frequently have a similar effect.

Not So as to Be Noticed.

A New York man is advertising for a wife who can make \$15,000 a year. A woman who can do that, however, does not have to avail herself of a mail order husband.

On
Inspection

"Pity me," pleaded the newly engaged girl. "I'm going next week to visit Tom's family! It's an inspection visit, of course, though inasmuch as we are really engaged I don't know what they can do about it if they don't like me, do you? Still, I dread it from start to finish, across and back again! If I had realized that I had to go through I never, never would have become engaged!"

"Pooh!" said the girl who had been married a year. "That's nothing, absolutely nothing! If you want to go through real torture as with pins and needles go visit the family of the man you aren't engaged to, but suspect that you are going to be! You might not break your heart over losing the man if the family made him throw you overboard, but it would hurt your pride. It is a sort of matter of honor to win out."

"I don't suppose there is one man in 10,000 whose family thoroughly and enthusiastically approves of the girl he picks out to marry, because his mother and sisters always have the perfect one already selected, and all the rest of their lives they cherish a grudge against the girl who has upset their carefully laid plans. Never shall I forget the first visit I paid to Dick's family!"

"Were you engaged to him?" asked the newly engaged girl, breathlessly.

"I was not!" said the girl who had been married a year. "Dick always declares that I was, but it isn't so. He may have been engaged to me, but I wasn't to him! He insists that I came to inspect his family, but it was the other way round."

"Frankly, I was scared to pieces," related the girl who had been married a year. "I did want to make a good impression, because, even if I decided that Dick wouldn't do, it would have been comforting to have had the family eternally regretting my loss. I wanted to make them feel that if all the girls they had ever fancied for Dick were combined into one the product couldn't begin to equal me. I had just got back from a year and a half in Europe, and had the latest things in clothes and hats, so I had some reason to hope that I should make a hit."

"I arrived late at night and beyond the impression that the house was huge and the family numerous I reached no conclusions. The next morning at breakfast I began to distinguish myself."

"While I had been abroad they had invented several things in the United States, among them one particular breakfast food that was a stranger to me, and when I found the maid offering me a fine assortment of little bales of hay I took one at random because I seemed to be expected to do so. I took it nonchalantly and deposited upon the plate before me. Then I was offered cream and sugar."

"So I began with cream. I poured and poured, and the cream disappeared from sight. Where it went, I can't imagine, but I know I did begin to think the thing must be a sort of sponge."

"At last when I ceased to pour on cream perspiration was standing on my brow. Then it was that I saw all the members of Dick's family solemnly engaged in tearing their mattresses to bits. They flaked the stuff off and made airy little mounds of it, amid which the cream circled, as it should have done with mine and didn't. They were trying to look no more pained than they could help, at my display of ignorance. I nearly choked on the stuff, but I swallowed it."

"When we arose from the table I dashed to the piano to relieve the tension and burst into particularly lively ragtime. I could play, and I played—until I found the whole family lined up most apparently waiting politely for me to finish so they could proceed to the business of the day."

"Dick was nearest to me, and he was terribly embarrassed."

"Would you care to join us?" he stammered when I paused, startled. "Father always has Scripture reading after breakfast." I was much interested after I got over my perturbation until it came my turn to read—and I got some verses filled with the most complicated proper names in the whole book, over which I stumbled and choked and disgraced myself."

"I had to have air after that, so I put on some things and rushed out for a walk—and I stumbled and fell the full length of the steps!"

"They carried me in and I stayed in bed a week with a wrenched ankle, while the whole family waited on me like slaves, and I simply scorched in the realization that I had disgraced myself utterly and absolutely."

"But somehow or other Dick and I got married finally in spite of it. In a few years I'm going to get up my courage sufficiently to ask my in-laws what they really thought of me that time and what arguments they used to try to dissuade Dick from marrying me. I confess that they have been beautifully resigned about me since they discovered that I was inevitable."

"I wish I was through with it!" mourned the newly engaged girl. "I'm entirely convinced that it's worse when you know they know it's a settled thing, and they've got to take you anyhow!"

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